

T H E C L E V E L A N D M U S E U M O F A R T

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44106
TELEPHONE 421-7346

For immediate release

CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART NAMES NEW MUSIC CURATOR

Karel Paukert, the internationally-known music scholar and organist, has been named Curator of Musical Arts at The Cleveland Museum of Art. The appointment is effective September, 1974.

He is to succeed Walter Blodgett, whose distinguished curatorship of the department enriched the musical life of Cleveland for nearly a generation. Mr. Blodgett will be retiring from a position held since 1941. The new appointment was announced by the Museum's Director, Sherman E. Lee and the Board of Trustees.

The new curator-designate is no stranger to this city, having presented an organ recital in the Gartner Auditorium as recently as January of this year. He is tentatively scheduled for another Museum appearance during the next organ recital series. A native of Czechoslovakia, Mr. Paukert is widely known among European audiences and has toured recently throughout North America and Japan.

Mr. Paukert's first American concerts were given in 1965, following a distinguished European career climaxed by the Prix d'Excellence bestowed in 1965 by the Royal Conservatory of Ghent in Belgium. In 1967 he became associate professor of organ and church music at Northwestern University and a year later he was appointed organist and choirmaster at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Evanston. He will retain both positions until assuming his Cleveland duties.

* * * * *

4/18/73